

STIR UP SPIRIT.

Booster Meeting of Commercial Club Tomorrow.

Wm. J. Berkowitz Will Be the Speaker.

WILL BE BIG DINNER.

Ad Club to Help Make It a Success.

Letter to Members Telling What Must Be Done.

The reservations are being rapidly made for the big combined dinner of the Topeka Commercial and Advertising clubs which will take place tomorrow evening with William J. Berkowitz of Kansas City, Mo., as the speaker and guest of honor.

The Commercial club and affiliated organizations are about to launch a campaign with the object of stirring up a "booster" spirit in Topeka, and as Mr. Berkowitz was the man who gave an enthusiasm address before the club members at the time that organization was in the process of transformation two years ago from a practically dead institution to one that does things, it was considered fitting that he should be asked to speak at this time.

"The time has arrived in the development of Topeka," read a letter from President J. Will Kelly and Secretary George S. Badders, sent today to club members, "when we must move forward or retrograde. We are at a critical point in the history and progress of the city and we must put forth a special effort for development in order to win out in the great uplift of the city, and to place Topeka well up to the top of the progressive and live cities of this western country."

"Other cities are hard at work and are spending large sums of money to make their municipalities attractive to the home-owner and factory-builder, and those who have the best interests of Topeka at heart must do likewise. The Commercial club has been handicapped in its work, not only by the lack of financial support of certain business men who are receiving a benefit from our activities, but also from a lack of a certain personal enthusiastic support from some of our members, without which we can accomplish but little. Some of our business men seem to be slow to grasp the idea that a little bread cast upon the water at this time will bring a rich reward in the future."

"Not long since a certain city not much larger than Topeka raised \$100,000 in the short period of thirty minutes for the securing of a commercial enterprise for that city. Business men of Topeka should be more liberal in their donations and subscriptions to those enterprises and industries upon which the future growth and development of Topeka depends."

"We have a large number of citizens who have made their money off the city. Their wealth has been amassed principally because of the development of real estate and the growth of enterprises in which they were interested, which business has increased with the progress of the city. Many of these people are slow to respond to Topeka's call for industrial and commercial help. Get the habit of coming to the club rooms. Let the officers and directors know that you are willing to do your part, and with a little assistance from every one we will have but little difficulty in keeping Topeka in the race with her sister cities and commanding the esteem and

Who's the Booster Candidate for Mayor?

SAM LUX

He Boosted and Boosted and Boosted

Long before he thought of being mayor he did things for Topeka. A loyal energetic Booster is one who has boosted and is boosting, not to get votes but to make a greater and better Topeka.

This committee has known Sam Lux and what he has done for Topeka. His work has counted as a booster. He has been tried and found not wanting.

Talk for Sam Lux--Vote for Sam Lux

The greatest advertisement this city can have to the outside world is the election of a booster for Mayor

John Q. Royce
A. B. Quinton
A. W. Webb
W. O. Anderson
R. D. Blaine
B. W. Carter
H. L. Cook
Ralph F. Moore
T. E. Armstrong

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W. C. Glenn
Chas. K. Holliday
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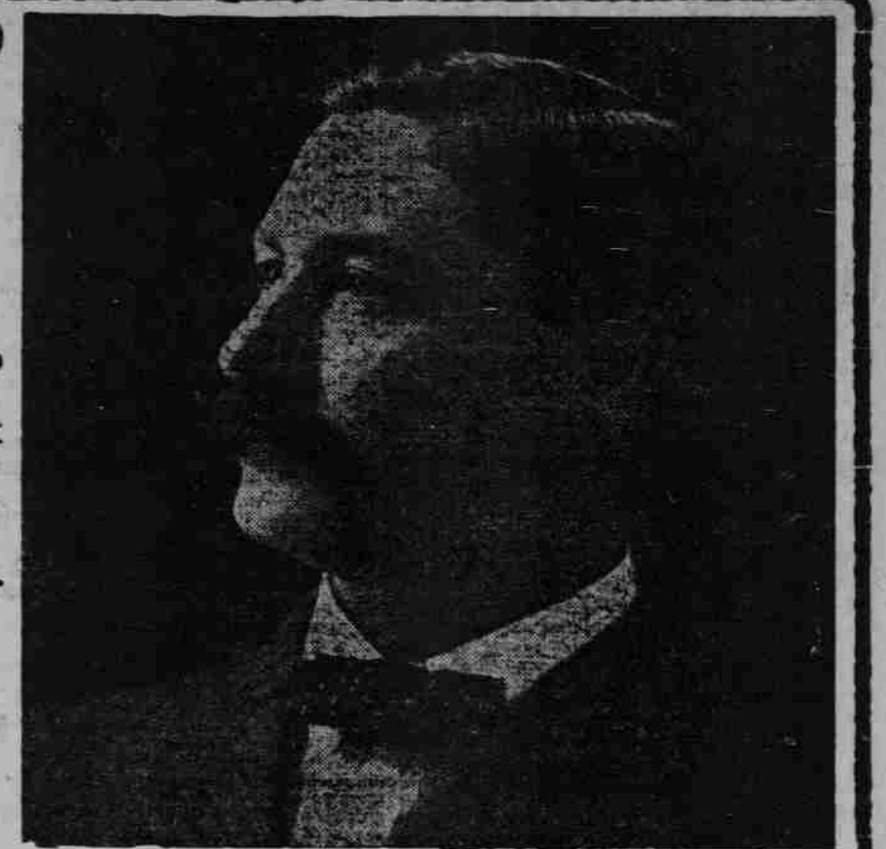
John F. Stanton
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R. K. Hinkson
Wm. Schick
J. Will Kelley
C. A. O'Meara
John Russell
H. A. Dargitz
Bert Harris

James Mullin
N. B. Burge
J. H. Gayhart
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C. D. Skinner
S. C. Pettit, Ed. Hawes
J. F. Haskell
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Gaylord T. Lawrence
H. B. Howard
C. W. Lawrence
E. P. Grote
F. A. Anton
Chas. E. Joslin
Frank M. Cope
T. A. Borman
Frank E. Parr

F. B. Gatchell
E. F. Strain
James W. Gibbons
E. P. Jordan
W. C. Carwell
John T. Chaney
Sad Hodgins
C. F. Rickenbacker
C. W. Myers S. S. Rice

LUX CAMPAIGN COMMITTEE



ALL WERE DRUNK.

Inquest into Wilkerson Murder Indicates This.

I. B. Patton Reverses Himself When Called to Stand.

The inquest into the death of Frank Wilkerson, who was shot Friday night at a Silver Lake dance by David Bragg, is in progress in the court room of the city court today.

While the main facts of the shooting are repeated as told officers Sunday there is strong evidence of an attempt on the part of a number of Bragg's friends to shield him.

This was disclosed first in the testimony of I. B. Patton, a young farmer living a mile south of Valencuela. Bragg has been keeping company with his sister and rode to Silver Lake Friday night with the brother and sister. Patton told County Attorney Simon Saturday in the latter's office that Wilkerson was a respectable enough fellow and that on the night of the dance he had never heard him make any threats against Bragg.

On the stand today, he said Frank Wilkerson was of a quarrelsome nature and apt to start a fight if he had a few drinks. He said Wilkerson had a pint of whisky and seemed to be under the influence of liquor. Further, he said Wilkerson had said in a crowd of boys about an hour before the dance: "I'll give anybody a dollar to whip Bragg or I'll beat anybody a dollar who can whip him myself."

When Simon called the witness' attention to the discrepancies in his stories, Patton defended himself by stating that he was so intoxicated that he could not remember distinctly, but that his mind was clear today. Asked where he got his whisky, he hedged by saying he took it away from a guy, he couldn't remember who because he was "pugged." He was still "pugged," he said, when he talked to County Attorney Simon Saturday.

He admitted to Simon that after he had talked to him, he had seen Bragg at the county jail, had also seen Robert Alexander, for whom Bragg worked and who is befriending him, and several others. Bragg had further said he had given him a bottle of whisky from his bottle and that Bragg had stepped between two buildings to drink it. The bottle contained about two swallows, he said, and Bragg did not get any more.

Coroner H. H. Keith interposed here to remind the witness that he had made the statement to the grand jury that on Friday night he did not drink at all. He refused to state who else heard Wilkerson threaten Bragg and said he was drunk when he talked to Simon the next day. He refused to state who else heard Wilkerson threaten Bragg and said he was drunk when he talked to Simon the next day. He refused to state who else heard Wilkerson threaten Bragg and said he was drunk when he talked to Simon the next day.

The story of the shooting agrees with the statements secured by Dr. Keith at his house after the shooting that Bragg had taken four good swallows from his bottle. Keith also said that Patton was not intoxicated at that time. But Patton insisted he was not drunk when Wilkerson threatened Bragg and was sober when he talked to Simon the next day.

Though Miss Patton is in attendance at the inquest and will be called upon to testify and though it is admitted Bragg kept company with her, it is denied that the two young men were in a feud over her. Instead, it is said, the two had quarreled over a certain marriage idea of Silver Lake. Several witnesses said the men were not on speaking terms.

Attorney W. E. Atchison appears as counsel for Bragg and is conducting a cross-examination of witnesses. He and John Schenck probably will defend the accused murderer. Both the prosecution and the defense have stenographers taking the testimony of the inquest.

The coroner's jury hearing the evidence consists of H. S. Allen, A. M. Russell, F. M. Ward, M. Martin, J. Q. A. Peyton and H. C. Bowman.

HE'LL HAVE A CABINET.

Sam Lux Says He Will Have Advisory Board if Elected Mayor.

Kansas City has been heralded as the first city in the United States to have a "cabinet of advisors" connected with the city government. Mayor Brown of that city conceived the idea and placed it in practical and most popular use.

Topeka is going to follow the example of the Mayor Brown scheme. If elected mayor, Sam Lux, the so-called booster candidate, promises that he will organize this cabinet in this city.

"I am not a politician and know nothing about the game of politics, but if I am elected mayor of Topeka I will select a 'cabinet of advisors' from the several civic bodies of the city, the Commercial club, the Real Estate exchange, the Industrial council, manual societies and, in fact, from every organization in this city which

GOES TO DAUGHTER.

Mrs. P. C. Gracey With Mrs. Philip Kreiter Who Is in Jail.

It is probable that Mrs. P. C. Gracey, who is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Philip Kreiter at Aberdeen, S. D., will remain in the northwest until after the young woman's trial on a charge of killing her husband.

Mrs. Kreiter was arrested at the time of the killing of her husband, Philip Kreiter, to whom she has been married just seven weeks.

It is claimed that a strong case has been made against the young woman and she was recently held for trial in the district court. Her case will be called at the April term of court. The young woman's parents, who live in Topeka, have employed counsel and will make a hard fight for the girl's acquittal.

At the time of the murder, Mrs. Gracey was confined to her bed and it was several days before her health was such as to permit her to receive the news of the murder. A few days ago she left for Aberdeen, where Mrs. Kreiter is now a prisoner. She reached her destination Sunday. It is said that Mrs. Gracey will not return to Topeka until after the trial.

When Eva Gracey, married to Kreiter, the young woman had but recently celebrated her seventeenth birthday anniversary. It is claimed she did not love Kreiter and she objected to living with him to South Dakota. Three weeks after the couple left Topeka Kreiter was killed. The Gracey family has lived in Topeka several years. The young woman's father is employed in the Santa Fe shops.

There have been no new developments in the case since the young woman's preliminary early in March. The evidence on which the state of South Dakota expects to convict the Topeka girl is purely circumstantial.

ROCK ISLAND PAYS UP.

Settles Claim of Boy for Damages Soon as Case Is Filed.

Quick results were obtained in a damage suit against the Rock Island railroad today by W. B. Kirkpatrick, a minor of Horton, who brought suit by his next friend, John Milligan. The petition asked \$600 for the loss of the boy's left eye. He was employed in the Horton shops and while using a chisel, a fragment of steel flew off the head, cutting through his eye ball and destroying the sight. Almost as soon as the suit was filed the Rock Island settled the case, paying, it is said, the full amount asked for.

Supreme Court Adjourns Until April. Washington, March 20.—The supreme court of the United States within half hour after convening at noon today adjourned until April 2.

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We carry in stock everything needed from LEG BANDS TO INCUBATORS AND BROODERS



PURITY BABY CHICK FEED

A BALANCED RATION

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TOPEKA KANS.

OUR OWN CHICK FEED

Our Baby Chick Feed is composed of pure grain and seed, ground on a mill built expressly for that purpose. It is free from dust and dirt, containing only the pure, nutritious muscle material cut the proper size for baby chicks.

More chicks die when 3 to 12 days old than at any other time—clean grain and muscle material is what they want and this food supplies the want, and the price is low. Price 25c and 50c per sack, \$2.50 per 100 pounds.

LEGAL

HOUSE BILL No. 104

AN ACT making an appropriation for the official state paper for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1912, and June 30, 1913, and a deficiency for the year ending June 30, 1912, and for publishing proposed amendments to the state constitution.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Kansas:

Section 1. That the following sums, or so much thereof as may be necessary, are hereby appropriated out of any money in the state treasury not otherwise appropriated:

For the official state paper..... \$1,700 \$3,000

For deficiency for official publication during the fiscal year ending June 30, 1911..... \$1,800

For publishing proposed amendments to the state constitution, for the year ending June 30, 1912, in official county papers..... 8,000

Sec. 2. The auditor of state is hereby authorized to draw his warrant on the treasurer of state for the purposes and amounts specified in this act upon verification of the auditor's report.

Sec. 3. This act shall take effect and be in force from and after its publication in the official state paper.

I hereby certify that the above bill originated in the House, and passed that body March 1, 1911.

Approved March 12, 1911.

W. R. STUBBS, Governor.

Office of the Secretary of State.

I, Chas. H. Sessions, Secretary of State of the State of Kansas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a correct copy of the original enrolled bill now on file in my office.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and affixed my official seal, this 15th day of March 1911.

CHAS. H. SESSIONS, Secretary of State.

By J. T. BOTKIN, Asst. Secretary of State.

Harriman Bank Chartered.

Washington, March 20.—A charter for the Harriman National bank was organized by the family of the late E. H. Harriman to perpetuate his memory, was issued today. The day and night bank of New York will be absorbed. Joseph W. Harriman, a nephew of the late Mr. Harriman, will be president of the new bank.

Russian Minister Reported Murdered.

St. Petersburg, March 20.—It is rumored here that M. Korostovetz, the Russian minister to China, has been murdered in Peking. Neither the foreign office nor the war office has been able to confirm the report.

Marriage License.

Michael Cullam, 40, St. Louis; Marion King, 20, St. Louis.

Fred Hatfield, 21, St. Marys; Anna Bogue, 19, Oakland.

We wish to thank our many friends and acquaintances for the many kindnesses shown us in our recent bereavement, also for the floral offerings received. Mrs. Florence R. Griest, Mr. and Mrs. John Griest and family.

Bunching the Bargains For the Last Week

The Fair

Cut Prices That Count in Reducing Stock

THE STORE THAT SELLS EVERYTHING

GIBBANS AVE.

Determined to Out-Do Ourselves This Week

To make a new sales record regardless of cost. To make a rapid stock reduction we have sailed into the last week of this sale to apply the finishing touches to our desperate price cutting.

Moulding Picture Hooks, like cut, regular price 10c dozen. On sale special, 10c for..... **1c**

Lunch Boxes, like cut, 10c value. Special each..... **5c**

The song birds are back here again and old mother earth is putting on her Easter suit to receive them in all the glory of her nature. Are you in harmony? Will your yard be in keeping? Are you prepared to keep the grass smooth and pretty? Get your lawn mower while you can save a dollar on it. Mowers like cut, our regular price is \$2.98. Just in from the factory. Elwood Star, priced special during this week of price cutting and stock reduction. **\$1.98**

Every machine is warranted.

Regular 10c Flour Sifters, like picture. On sale, special each..... **7c**

Have you heard the song of the saw and the hammer in your neighborhood. Better see those 25c saws we now have on sale, priced, special..... **25c**

Regular \$1.25 warranted saws, mechanics quality, are on sale, Special, each..... **85c**

Hammers, warranted, best tool steel, 75c quality, are on sale, special, each..... **50c**

50c Hammers, are on sale, special..... **25c**

95c Spading Forks—if you are making garden it is a good time to save 25c—on sale 95c value, special each..... **69c**

Iridescent Glassware—Don't fail to get your supply of this beautiful glassware while we have it on special sale. Light Effect produces in it all the colors of the rainbow.

Creme Paper, regular 10c rolls on sale, special..... **3c**

10c Sink Strainers, are on sale, each..... **7c**

15c Fry Pans, are on sale, each..... **7c**

35c Granite Sauce Pans, large size, on sale, each..... **19c**

All first quality Granite ware.

35c Granite Collander—first quality on sale, Special, each..... **19c**

Large size, 5c rolls Toilet Paper, extra good quality, on sale. Special, 7 rolls..... **25c**

Imported Enamelware, special to reduce stock. This week..... **1/3 Off**

50c First Quality Granite Seamless Water Buckets, are on sale..... **25c**

Heel Plates, worth 3c pair, 1c on sale, per pair..... **1c**

Dinner Ware—We broke a record in our dinner ware department last week. Sold more sets than anytime since Xmas. No wonder. Shrewd buyers are quick to see the saving. Every piece of dinnerware in our house is absolutely guaranteed against crazing. We are really selling \$5.00 sets for..... **\$2.98**

Sets worth up to \$10, on sale..... **\$5.98**

Not a saving in some cases is almost 1/2.

WILLIE WISE

IF ONE OF YOU YOUNG MEN WILL KINDLY LOAN ME YOUR HAT I WILL PROCEED WITH THE EXPERIMENT

NOW AS YOU CAN PLAINLY SEE I WILL PLACE THIS CAT IN YOUR HAT AN

MEOW! YOW

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